

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 189

By Green

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Shelby Coakley, 2017
Salutatorian of Clarksville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Coakley is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2017 graduating class at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Coakley has achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Shelby Coakley has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including softball; and

WHEREAS, a noted scholar, Shelby Coakley completed a number of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses; she is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, and the Robert Penn Warren Society and secretary of the Junior Classical League. In addition, she received a \$40,000 Merit scholarship from Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, named "Most Likely to Succeed" by her peers, Ms. Coakley has earned numerous awards and accolades, including several Student of the Year Awards, the Danforth Award, and the Student-Athlete Award of Merit; she also participated in the Regional High School Mathematics Competition, Weekend at Vanderbilt University program, and Duke University's Duke Talent Identification Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coakley has also dedicated her time and energy to a number of community service endeavors, including serving as a teacher's assistant and as a volunteer for Clarksville's public library and Buddy Ball; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Coakley's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coakley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Coakley's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 Clarksville High School Salutatorian, Shelby Coakley, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.